

3 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: INTERNET Coordination Meeting

1. At the request of [ ] C/FED, [ ] was asked to brief the C/PMS, [ ] concerning the events surrounding the anticipated postponement of a scheduled INTERNET technical coordination meeting of October 8, 9, & 10. This meeting would be attended by the two prime contractors, COMSAT & Overseas Telecommunications, Inc., and their subcontractors British Telecommunications Inc., (BTI) & INTERCOMSA of Panama. [ ] principal concern is, that since the activation date for INTERNET is still in doubt, would FBIS be acting in good faith to bring the participants in, do all the necessary coordination, and then turn around in a few weeks and have to change all the decisions and schedules.

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2. [ ] recommended that the meeting be postponed until a decision about INTERNET activation was made. The prime contractors were notified and they in turn notified their subs. [ ] of COMSAT said that BTI was very upset and wanted to hold the meeting anyway. We held to our original position that the meeting be delayed and asked him to convey our apologies to the British.

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3. In conjunction with the above action, the CO requested that COMSAT provide us a letter assuring that our (FBIS) interests in the Satellite Transponder Lease Contract were protected. COMSAT has agreed to write a letter to the effect that our basic reservation is protected, without further cost, until 30 May 1987. Also that our reservation for the present Transponder, which is on a Satellite that is in a particularly favorable Geo-Synchronous position, will be protected until all three Earth Terminals are commissioned.

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Deputy Chief, FED/ESG/FBIS

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